Loss of wheat, paddy and millet production

†2494. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that total annual production of fruits and vegetables in the country is estimated to be worth around rupees one lakh crore;

(b) the estimated value of annual production of wheat, paddy and millets in the country, in comparison thereto;

(c) whether it is also a fact that out of the total production of fruits and vegetables worth one lakh crore rupees, the production to the tune of rupees 30,000 crore gets destroyed annually, without utilization; and

(d) the average annual loss of wheat, paddy and millets in comparison thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) According to the estimates of value output from agriculture released by the Central Statistical Organisation the value of production of fruits & vegetables for the year 2000-01 is Rs. 85,732 crore. The estimated value of production of cereals including wheat, paddy and millets in the country in 2000-01 is Rs. 1,45,824 crore. According to the studies conducted by the Directorate of Marketing & Inspection, the post harvest losses at producers' level were 5.02% for jowar, 4.34% for paddy, 2.17% for Bajra, 5.0% for wheat and 1.5% for Maize. Information on the quantum of fruits and vegetables destroyed before final utilization is not maintained in the Ministry.

Impact of US farm subsidy on Indian farmers

†2495. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news

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